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OF THE

TOWN OF MIDDLETON,

WITH

REPORTS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1907.

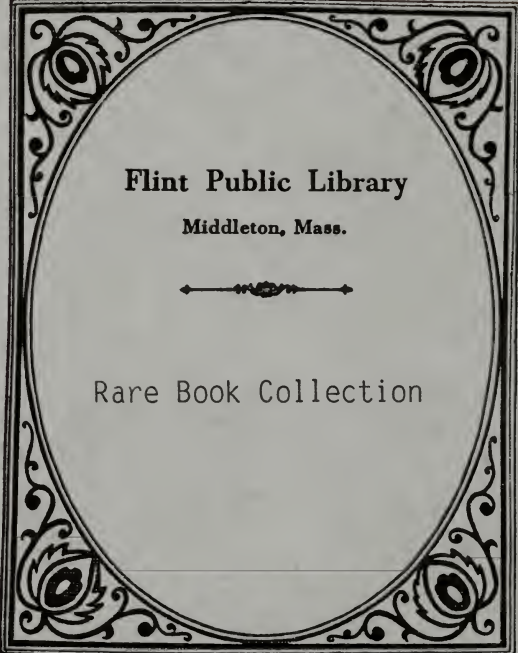


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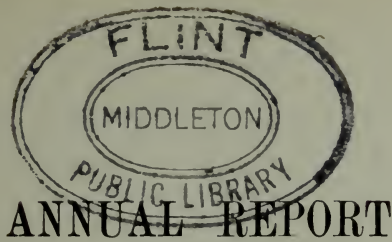


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## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

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Appropriation,	\$2250 00	
School Fund,	873 58	
Received from Dog Tax,	126 99	
Received from State for Superin- tendent's pay,	250 00	
Received from State for Tuition of State Ward children, etc.	350 50	
		\$3851 07
Amount overdrawn 1905-6,	\$ 16 23	
Moses Peabody, transporting children,	741 00	
C. Alice Manning, teaching Centre Grammar School,	468 00	
Ann W. C. Merrill, teaching Inter- mediate School,	80 00	
Nellie C. Howe, teaching Primary School,	468 00	
Hattie I. Lake, teaching Intermediate School,	104 00	
Annie J. Howe, substituting,	6 00	
Bertha D. Barton, teaching Inter- mediate School,	180 00	

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Nellie L. Quinnell, teaching Third and Fourth Grade,	\$160 00	
George F. Smith, teaching Music in Public Schools,	75 00	
Andrew S. Thomson, services as Superintendent of Schools,	300 00	
A. G. Huntoon, coal for school house,	172 34	
Augustus Shepard, services as janitor,	147 00	
Danvers Water Board, water for schoolhouse,	30 00	
Town of North Reading, transport- ing school children,	36 00	
Atwood & McGlauffin, sawing wood,	5 40	
H. K. Richardson, wood for school- house,	33 25	
H. K. Richardson, taking census,	4 00	
	<u>\$3026 22</u>	
Unexpended,	824 85	
		<u>\$3851 07</u>

### High School Department.

Amount received from State,	\$525 00	
Amount due from State last year,	275 00	
Balance,		\$250 00
Town of Danvers, tuition of High School scholars, half year,	\$250 00	



### School Books and Supplies.

Town appropriation,	\$200 00	
Cash received for books sold,	1 12	
		\$201 12
Amount overdrawn 1905-6,	46 71	
Silver Burdett & Co.,	10 50	
Educational Publishing Co.,	8 00	
George F. King,	44 05	
American Book Co.,	8 96	
Edward E. Baff & Co.,	167 00	
	\$285 22	
Amount overdrawn,	84 10	
		\$201 12

### School Incidental Department.

Town appropriation,		\$200 00
Amount overdrawn, 1905-6,	\$56 14	
D. W. Case, cleaning cess pool,	6 50	
Alice E. Milberry, washing towels,	54	
C. Alice Manning, ribbons for diplomas,	90	
Pitman & Brown Co., dust layer for school floors,	5 80	
Treat Hardware Co., sash cord, weights, etc.,	5 48	
M. E. Tyler, teaming, etc.,	10 00	
Augustus Shepard, cleaning school rooms and oiling floors,	15 50	

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A. P. Tyler, time, car fare and cash paid,	\$9 01	
John Tupper, step ladder,	2 00	
D. W. Case, postage,	30	
M. E. Tyler, labor, time and cash,	6 55	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	14 26	
Barry Printing Co., reports,	10 80	
H. K. Richardson, time, car fare, procuring teachers, cleaning ashes from yard and other incidental expenses,	22 42	
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	\$166 20	
Unexpended,	33 80	
		\$200 00

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### Special Appropriation.

#### PAINTING SCHOOL HOUSE.

Town appropriation,		\$160 00
Wadsworth Howland, lead oil, etc.	\$49 75	
Harley M. Tyler, labor,	74 96	
Augustus Shepard, labor,	27 75	
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	\$152 46	
Unexpended balance,	7 54	
		\$160 00

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### Special Appropriation.

#### FITTING NEW SCHOOL ROOM.

Town appropriation,		\$150 00
George B. Flint, labor and materials,	\$12 87	
Briggs, Allyn & Co., lumber,	18 37	



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Wilson Floyd, labor,	\$14 72	
A. W. Beckford, chairs,	1 90	
Harley M. Tyler, labor and material,	37 54	
M. E. Tyler,	2 00	
Calvin Lumber Co.,	6 96	
Augustus Shepard, labor,	8 50	
American Seating Co.,	113 80	
A. P. Tyler, time and cash,	3 60	
American Seating Co., black board and freight on same,	29 30	
Calvin Putnam Lumber Co.,	19 01	
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	\$268 57	
Amount overdrawn,	118 57	
		\$150 00

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### Special Appropriation.

#### FOR NOTES DUE ON HEATING PLANT AND WATER SUPPLY FOR SCHOOL HOUSE.

Town appropriation,	\$385 00	
Unexpended 1905-06,	2 99	
		\$387 99
Arthur K. Chapin, payment of fourth annual note of \$200 and interest,	231 50	
Arthur B. Chapin, payment of sixth annual note of \$150 and interest,	156 12	
Unexpended balance,	37	
		\$387 99

## CURRENT EXPENSE DEPARTMENT.

### Town Officers.

Ira W. Ketchum, Auditor,	\$15 00
Jesse W. Peabody, services as Assessor, February 1 to March, 1906,	1 25
M. E. Tyler, services as Selectman and Assessor, February 1 to March, 1806,	28 85
H. K. Richardson, services as Select- man and Assessor, February to March, 1906,	30 00
M. J. Emerson, Selectman and Asses- sor, February to March, 1906,	25 00
Albert E. Coleman, services as Elec- tion Officer,	6 00
Albert G. Huntoon, Election Officer,	3 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, extra services at March election,	3 00
Rufus Peabody, services as Election Officer,	7 00
Charles E. Wilkins, Election Officer,	3 00
Ansel P. Tyler, Election Officer,	3 00
James H. Curtis, Moderator,	14 00
Darius W. Case, services as School Committee,	35 00

## TOWN OFFICERS.

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Ansel P. Tyler, School Committee,	\$35 00
H. K. Richardson, School Committee,	35 00
B. T. McGlaulin, services as Election Officer,	3 00
L. F. Atwood, services as Superin- tendent of burials,	10 00
L. F. Atwood, returning deaths,	2 75
H. Erskine Howe, services as Overseer,	35 00
B. T. McGlaulin, Overseer,	20 00
Oscar Cram, Constable,	35 00
Oscar Cram, services as Election Officer,	6 00
Oscar Cram, policeman on July 4th,	6 00
Oscar Cram, posting street notices,	1 00
Oscar Cram, posting warrant,	2 00
Oscar Cram, services in Pickering- Kelleher case,	3 00
Oscar Cram, account of dog tax,	4 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, services as Town Treasurer,	50 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, services as Registrar,	10 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, services Town Clerk,	10 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, extra service at November election,	3 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, administering oaths,	4 50
A. W. Peabody, Overseer,	20 00
M. E. Tyler, services as Selectman and Assessor,	125 00
M. E. Tyler, services as Registrar,	10 00

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M. J. Emerson, services as Selectman and Assessor,	\$125 00
M. J. Emerson, Registrar,	10 00
H. K. Richardson, services as Select- man and Assessor,	125 00
H. K. Richardson, Registrar,	10 00
Fred W. Giles, services as election officer, March and November,	7 50
B. T. McGlaulin, sealer of weights and measures,	5 00
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	\$886 85

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### Miscellaneous.

Charles H. Odell, insurance on North school house,	\$8 00
C. M. Duren, rubber bands,	55
W. P. Early, coal for Town Hall,	63 00
Flint Public Library, interest on Town note of \$1500.00 at 5 per cent.,	75 00
Flint Public library, interest on Town note of \$500.00 at 4 per cent.,	20 00
Danvers Savings Bank, interest on note of \$1000,	40 00
Frank E. Monaghan, printing ballots, tax bills, etc.,	12 25
L. T. Atwood, cleaning snow in ceme- tery,	5 20
L. G. Estey, fire in G. A. Carrier's woods,	2 25
Barry Printing Company, printing Town reports, etc.,	51 30

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Barry Printing Company, printing blanks for S. A. Fletcher,	\$2 75
Charles H. Odell, insurance on Town Hall,	60 00
Oscar Cram, officers fees in the Picker- ing and Kelleher case,	12 32
H. M. Dolbeare, Assessors blanks, etc.,	5 70
Augustus Shepard, repairing Town Hall,	4 50
L. G. Esty, fire on School street,	5 00
L. G. Esty, services as Committee on Electric Lights,	5 00
B. T. McGlauflin, expenses as Com- mittee on Electric Lights,	5 00
M. J. Emerson, expenses as Com- mittee on Electric Lights,	5 00
H. K. Richardson, expenses as Com- mittee on Electric Lights,	5 00
James H. Curtis, labor on water tank,	2 00
Danvers Water Board, water for Town Hall,	6 00
Hiram L. Hutchinson, interest on Town note,	80 00
B. T. McGlauflin, setting lamp-post and cash paid M. E. Tyler,	1 90
Henry A. Young, cleaning Town Hall,	5 00
Salem News, printing notice,	2 50
H. A. Bartlett, blanks for births, marriages and deaths,	1 75
Newcomb & Gauss, blank deeds,	4 75
Lilla D. Stott, abstract of deeds,	14 45

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H. K. Richardson, cash paid for putting new rope on flagstaff,	\$3 00
W. W. Richardson, services as special police July 4th,	5 00
B. T. McGlauflin, setting lamp and guide-board post,	85
Knox & Colsom, advice on railroad matters in 1905,	5 00
Globe Gas Light Company, street lamps on Square,	10 25
Henry A. Young, services as special police,	5 00
Augustus Shepard, services as special police,	5 00
M. E. Tyler, cash paid for tax book and bonds,	1 42
G. G. Esty, fire pump's barn,	2 25
L. G. Esty, services as special police July 4th,	5 00
B. F. Emerson, trustee's interest on Town note of \$800.	40 00
A. G. Huntoon, wood and sawing wood at Town Hall,	4 00
B. T. McGlauflin, services as Cattle Inspector,	35 00
Carter Ink Co., ink,	7 50
B. T. McGlauflin, labor and cash paid on watering tank,	21 59
Danvers Water Board, repairs on watering tank and water pipe at Town Hall,	8 00



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George W. Ewing, fumigating at Moses Peabody's,	\$3 00
Town of Danvers, use of whistle at pumping station,	11 50
Henry A. Young, supplies for Town Hall,	4 28
Henry A. Young, services as janitor of Town Hall,	135 10
B. T. McGlauffin, care of street lamps,	10 00
George W. Ewing, returning births,	2 50
M. J. Emerson, time, carfare and other expenses,	14 06
J. F. Valentine, returning birth,	25
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Town Hall,	27 38
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for street lamps,	12 43
H. A. Williams, nails, rope, lunch, etc.,	5 81
Almond R. Richardson, for care of street lamps, November 1, 1906, to March 1, 1907,	6 68
John M. Peabody, care of street lamps, March 1 to November 1, 1906,	12 00
Oscar Cram, care of flag,	5 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, postage, station- ery, time and carfare,	9 14
Samuel A. Fletcher, recording mar- riages, deaths, etc.,	11 50
Danvers Savings Bank, note and inter- est on same,	1016 67
Jesse W. Peabody, stationery and postage,	10 71

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M. E. Tyler, use of team,	\$12 25	
M. E. Tyler, cash for freight, postage, stationery,	1 96	
M. E. Tyler, carfare and time to Bos- ton and Salem,	8 44	
David I. Robinson, County tax,	661 83	
Arthur B. Chapin, State tax,	665 00	
H. K. Richardson, journeys to Boston and Salem, time and team, etc.,	25 64	
		\$3331 46
Settlement of note of	\$1000 00	
County tax,	661 83	
State tax,	665 00	
	\$2326 83	
Actual miscellaneous expense,		\$1004 58

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### Soldiers' Relief Department.

Benj. Peabody,	\$50 00	
H. E. Howe, wood for B. F. Gould,	5 50	
A. G. Huntoon, wood for B. F. Gould,	5 50	
M. J. Emerson, cash paid Warner Peabody,	4 00	
Sarah P. Johnson,	2 00	
		\$67 00

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### State Aid Department.

John Jones,	\$32 00	
Catharine Danforth,	48 00	
Benj. F. Gould,	48 00	
Alexander Murray,	48 00	

## CURRENT EXPENSE BALANCE.

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Sarah P. Johnson,	\$48 00	
Henry Peabody,	48 00	
Isaiah B. Peabody,	48 00	
Lucy W. Peabody,	48 00	
Robert Rowley,	48 00	
Charlotte Rowley,	48 00	
Susan A. Stewart,	48 00	
Annie J. Sheldon,	48 00	
Scott Wilkins,	48 00	
Henry F. White,	48 00	
		\$656 00

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## Current Expense Balance.

Town Officers,	\$886 85	
Miscellaneous expenses,	1004 58	
Soldiers' Relief,	67 00	
State Aid,	656 00	
	\$2614 43	
Unexpended,	2636 44	
		\$5250 87

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Unexpended balance, 1906,	\$1851 39
Town appropriation,	1000 00
Corporation tax,	492 72
National Bank tax,	18 88
Street Railroad tax,	998 83
State for Inspection of Animals,	17 50
Military and State aid,	640 00
Henry Young, for use of Hall,	159 00
Gravel sold,	2 55
License to American Express Co.,	1 00
Auctioneer's License to Roswell & Newhall,	1 00

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Beckford W. Brannen, for cemetery lot,	\$16 00	
George E. Barnaby, for cemetery lot,	12 00	
Mary D. Ritchie, for cemetery lot,	6 00	
Mrs. Nellie Richardson, for cemetery lot,	10 00	
Laura E. Peabody, for cemetery lot,	16 00	
Mary E. Drury, for cemetery lot,	8 00	
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		\$5250 87

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### Highway Department.

Town appropriation,	\$600 00	
Unexpended balance of excise tax due		
Highway, 1905-6,	832 07	
Cash for drain pipe sold,	20 15	
Cash for cement sold,	8 52	
Cash from B. & N. Railroad,	47 22	
Cash for gravel and old plak,	1 90	
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		\$1509 86
Overdrawn, 1906,	\$267 80	
Ames Plow Co., tools,	28 67	
Frank E. Moynahan, printing blanks,	4 75	
Goodroads Machine Co., repairs,	13 50	
M. B. Paige, drain pipe,	30 48	
Danvers Carriage Co., snow plow,	28 00	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	6 58	
S. S. Merrill, storing road machine,	3 00	
J. B. McLean, pole for machine,	2 50	
Byron Monison, repairing,	8 78	
Mary E. Curtis, gravel,	5 80	
L. G. Estey, gravel,	4 90	
M. J. Emerson, gravel,	1 75	
J. W. Wilson, gravel,	1 05	

# HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

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Miss W. J. Kelly, gravel,	\$14 40
C. P. Stiles, gravel,	8 60
W. Dillard, gravel,	12 15
George A. Currier, gravel,	11 45
B. T. McGlauflin,	269 77
Burton McGlauflin,	64 21
David L. Sheldon,	61 48
L. E. Collins,	37 06
W. W. Wilkins,	11 09
William N. Brown,	27 81
Fred S. Flint,	45 99
William H. Maynard,	86 75
Oscar Sheldon,	3 92
Waldo Wilkins,	49 28
Frank Curtis,	52 93
Charles Wilkins,	19 25
John Q. Averill,	14 25
H. Crapley,	30
John L. Peabody,	78 23
W. P. Earley,	44 25
Fred A. Richardson,	52 18
M. E. Tyler,	41 34
H. W. Richardson,	45 60
Charles N. Bagley,	1 75
Joe Lerock,	5 00
J. A. Atwood,	14 90

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\$1481 50

Balance unexpended, 28 36

\$1509 86

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## Snow Department.

Excise Tax,	\$923 06
D. L. Sheldon,	\$ 1 30

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Fred S. Flint,	\$1 15
Burton McGlauffin,	4 90
Frank Curtis,	40
John L. Peabody,	1 70
W. W. Richardson,	80
George E. Currier,	4 10
John Jones,	3 60
John P. Fuller,	28 70
George Fuller,	1 40
Arthur Curtis,	60
Arthur Curtis,	60
Waldo Wilkins,	40
Ernest Curtis,	60
A. D. Bryer,	20
Benj. T. McGlauffin,	13 70
W. P. Early,	2 90
J. J. H. Gregory,	2 60
George E. Soper,	8 70
M. W. Berry,	8 70
L. E. Collins,	2 00
Hosea W. Richardson,	2 40
A. G. Huntoon,	3 60
H. E. Howe,	2 70
Oscar Sheldon,	36 60
Hacket West Peabody,	2 50
W. E. Sanford,	10 20
B. Frank Phillips,	1 20
John Q. Averill,	1 20
George Durkee,	1 00
	\$150 45
Unexpended,	772 61

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### Bridge Department.

Town appropriation,	\$200 00	
old plank sold,	4 20	
		\$204 20
Amount overdrawn 1905-6,	\$117 98	
B. T. McGlauffin,	9 70	
Hosea W. Richardson,	1 75	
Frank Curtis,	1 75	
John P. Fuller,	2 00	
Burton McGlauffin,	20	
J. H. Fletcher,	50	
Calvin Putnam Lumber Co.,	39 26	
	\$173 14	
Unexpended balance,	31 06	
		\$204 20

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### Sidewalk Department.

Town appropriation,		\$100.00
Amount overdrawn 1905-6,	2 02	
M. E. Tyler,	1 50	
B. T. McGlauffin,	15 03	
L. E. Collins,	3 25	
William N. Brown,	13 00	
Burton McGlauffin,	1 75	
Frank Curtis,	2 72	
C. P. Stiles, gravel,	30	
Fred S. Flint,	1 75	
Middleton Paper Co.,	15 00	

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John L. Peabody,	\$6 00	
Fred A. Richardson,	1 75	
Waldo Wilkins,	5 25	
David L. Sheldon,	5 25	
G. A. Currier, gravel,	4 85	
Charles Wilkins,	3 50	
Hosea W. Richardson,	2 72	
Charles W. Bagley,	1 75	
Daniel Fuller, gravel and team,	16 90	
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	\$104 29	
Amount overdrawn,	4 29	
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		\$100 00

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## Tree Warden.

Unexpended balance 1905-6,		\$53 66
B. T. McGlaufflin,	\$7 99	
Frank Curtis,	2 74	
Fred A. Richardson,	30	
L. E. Collins,	20	
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	\$11 23	
Unexpended balance,	42 43	
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		\$53 66

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## Gypsy and Browntail Moth Department.

Balance unexpended 1905-6,	\$609 93
Extra allotment by State for 1906,	800 00

Taxed to Town of Middleton by State for first half year of 1907,	\$129 18	
Amount allotted to Town of Middle- ton by State for first half of year 1907,	300 00	
		\$1839 11
Stoddard, Haserick, Richards & Co., burlap,	\$41 87	
H. A. Wilkins, supplies,	5 65	
William H. Claffin, burlap,	11 96	
Barry Printing Co.,	5 00	
Joseph Breck & Sons, tools,	7 50	
S. A. Fletcher, carfare, time, etc.,	5 50	
H. L. Frost & Co., supplies,	1 20	
George E. Currier,	203 28	
Herbert Currier,	244 87	
Ralph Currier,	121 60	
George F. Evans,	107 37	
M. J. Emerson,	127 58	
George Trask,	3 25	
W. J. Gurley,	15 77	
David L. Sheldon,	73 51	
John L. Peabody,	13 60	
B. T. McGlauffin,	24 82	
W. W. Wilkins,	50	
Sargent Ogden,	3 00	
Loren Esty,	50	
M. E. Tyler,	63 00	
Samuel M. Peabody,	5 00	
Ernest Curtis,	39 50	
	\$1066 83	
Amount unexpended ,	772 28	
		\$1839 11

### Town Hall Account.

#### DR.

Henry A. Young, services as janitor of Town Hall,	135 10
Henry A. Young, supplies,	4 28
Henry A. Young, cleaning Town Hall,	5 00
H. A. Wilkins, supplies,	27 38
W. P. Early, coal for Hall,	63 00
A. G. Huntoon, sawing wood and wood for Town Hall,	4 00
Danvers Water Board, water for Hall,	6 00
Danvers Water Board, repairing water pipe,	4 00

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 \$248 76

#### CR.

Cash received from I. O. R. M.,	35 30
" " " Cong. Society,	15 40
" " " entertainments, dances,	108 30
	<hr/> \$159 00
Balance against Town,	89 76

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 \$248 76

### Cemetery Department.

Town appropriation,	\$200 00
Unexpended balance, 1905-6,	3 04
	<hr/> \$203 04
Due from Water Board by error,	6 00

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Danvers Water Board,	\$ 12 00	
L. F. Atwood, labor and cash paid for		
same,	179 55	
Unexpended,	17 49	
	<hr/>	\$209 04

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### Cemetery, Special Appropriation.

#### GUIDE POSTS AND SIGNS.

Town appropriation,		\$75 00
Salem Iron Foundry,	\$67 50	
L. F. Atwood, labor, teaming, etc.,	7 50	
		75 00

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### Cemetery Trust Fund.

L. F. Atwood, care of private lots in		
cemetery,	\$49 50	
Bank interest on funds deposited for		
care of private lots,	49 50	

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### Poor Department.

Town appropriation,	\$300 00	
Unexpended balance, 1905-6,	532 59	
		\$832 59
Outstanding bill against F. A.		
Richardson,	56 00	

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B. T. McGlaufflin, locking up 100 tramps,	\$10 00	
Town of Peabody, board of Mrs. Harriet Smith and medicine,	131 25	
City of Boston, board and attendance of Alice M. Goldthwaite at Hospital,	52 00	
H. A. Wilkins, supplies for tramps,	2 80	
	<hr/> \$252 05	
Unexpended,	580 54	
	<hr/>	\$832 59

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## Firemen's Department.

Town appropriation,	\$65 00
L. G. Estey, services and cash paid Firemen,	65 00

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## Fire Department.

Town appropriation,	\$100 00	
Unexpended balance, 1905-6,	7 69	
Cash for old hose sold,	4 80	
	<hr/>	\$112 49
Boston Woven Hose Co., 150 ft. 2 1-2 in. bull dog hose attachments, rings, play pipe, etc.,	\$94 00	



## DEPARTMENTS.

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L. G. Estey, cash paid for express, printing, etc.,	\$2 75	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Hose house,	4 79	
	<u>\$101 54</u>	
Unexpended,	10 95	
		\$112 49

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## Memorial Day Department.

Town appropriation,		\$110 00
Lawrence Brass Band,	\$59 70	
L. T. Atwood, cash paid for programmes, flags, plants, etc.,	16 55	
Henry F. White, wreaths,	6 00	
H. A. Wilkins, coffee, butter, etc.,	2 55	
W. P. Early, cash paid for cleaning church,	3 00	
L. P. Fletcher, music and postage,	3 15	
Jesse F. Hayward, ham,	3 90	
Ellis Bakery, bread and doughnuts,	1 60	
Dirigo Ice Cream,	8 00	
O. Richardson, blowing church organ,	1 00	
Mrs. Abbot, washing dishes,	1 35	
Jerome Leavitt, cash paid for milk,	45	
Moses Peabody, transporting school children,	4 00	
	<u>\$111 25</u>	
Overdrawn,	1 25	
		\$110 00
Overdrawn in 1905,	\$8 47	
Overdrawn in 1906,	1 25	
Balance against department,	<u>\$9 72</u>	

### Liquor Law Department.

Balance unexpended last year,	\$59 07	
Town appropriation,	50 00	
Received from First District Court,	50 00	
		\$159 07
W. P. Early,	12 00	
Henry A. Young,	5 00	
Augustus Shepard,	4 00	
H. K. Richardson,	15 00	
Fred W. Giles,	12 50	
	\$18 50	
Unexpended,	110 57	
		\$159 07

### Special Appropriation.

#### HOSE HOUSE BELL.

Town appropriation,		\$75 00.
M. E. Tyler, teaming bell from Merrimac,	\$10 00	
L. G. Estey, time and car fare to Merrimac		
and cash paid,	2 85	
J. V. Wilson, labor building belfry,	21 75	
Bailey Sargent, bell,	50 00	
Harley M. Tyler, labor, stock, painting,	4 00	
Calvin Putnam Lumber Co.,	12 40	
	\$101 00	
Overdrawn,	26 00	
		\$75 00

### State Highway Department.

John A. Gaffey, contract labor,	\$1028 00	
M. J. Emerson, cash paid for labor on state road in 1905,	3 93	
		\$1031 93
Received from State,	\$1028 00	
Overdrawn,	3 93	
		\$1031 93

### Special Appropriations.

#### NORTH AND SOUTH MAIN STREET WATER PIPE.

Town appropriation,	\$300 00	
Amount overdrawn on South Main street account in 1905,	16 44	
W. H. Marshall, labor on trench,	5 30	
Danvers Water Board, for pipe on South Main street,	43 85	
Teaming pipe,	1 50	
Leland J. Ross, dynamite, etc.,	8 75	
Darius W. Case, labor,	57 75	
B. T. McGlauffin, labor,	9 16	
Byron S. Chick, lighting trench,	9 00	
Danvers Water Board, laying pipe,	19 00	
		\$170 75

#### NORTH MAIN STREET.

Danvers Water Board, pipe for North Main street,	\$100 76	
Hydrant for North Main street,	27 03	
Split branch,	11 00	
Gate,	8 05	
Gate box,	3 00	
Teaming in part,	3 20	
		\$153 04

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South Main street account brought over,	\$170 75	
	<u>\$323 79</u>	
Overdrawn,	23 79	
		\$300 00
Material and teaming paid for, but not yet used,	\$153 04	
Dynamite sold,	<u>4 90</u>	
Balance,		\$157 94

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### Tax Collecting Department.

Appropriation,		\$100 00
Jesse W. Peabody,	\$80 00	
Unexpended,	<u>20 00</u>	
		\$100 00

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### Abatement of Taxes.

Jesse W. Peabody, abatement on Mary J. Mitchell's, 1906,	1 50	
Jesse W. Peabody, abatement of H. C. Goodhue's tax, 1906,	60	
Jesse W. Peabody, abatement of Henry Tudor tax of 1906,	75 00	
Jesse W. Peabody, abatement on tax book, of 1903,	91 99	
Jesse W. Peabody, abatement on tax book of 1904,	<u>57 94</u>	
		\$227 03

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### Wood Account.

Estimated wood on hand February, 1906, cords,	3	
Amount of wood used, cords,	<u>2</u>	
Balance on hand, cords,	1	

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Summary of Orders drawn on  
Town Treasury.

High School,	\$250 00
Schools for year ending February 1, 1907,	3009 99
School books and supplies,	238 51
Incidental school expense,	110 06
Notes on water supply and interest,	156 12
Notes on heating plant and interest,	231 50
Town officers,	886 85
Miscellaneous,	1004 58
Note paid,	1000 00
County tax,	661 83
State tax,	665 00
Highway Department,	1213 70
Snow Department,	150 45
Cemetery Department,	191 55
Cemetery Trust Fund,	49 50
Bridge Department,	55 16
Sidewalk Department,	102 27
Tree Warden,	11 23
Firemen,	65 00
Fire Department,	101 54
Memorial Day Department,	114 00
Poor Department,	196 05
Soldier's Relief,	67 00
Water pipe, North and South Main,	307 35
State Highways,	1031 94
Gipsy and Brown Tail Moths,	1066 79
Abatement of Taxes,	227 03
Liquor Law Department,	48 50
Hose House bell,	101 00
Fitting up new school-room,	268 56
Painting school-house,	152 46

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Collection of taxes,	\$80 00	
Cemetery guide posts,	75 00	
		<u>\$13,890 52</u>

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### Tax Collector's Report.

Jesse W. Peabody, Tax Collector, in account with Town of  
Middleton :

Balance tax list, 1897,	\$17 89
Interest,	4 46
February 1, 1907, uncollected,	<u>\$22 35</u>
Balance tax list, 1903,	\$452 73
Interest,	17 73
	<u>\$470 46</u>
Amount collected,	369 94
Uncollected,	<u>\$100 52</u>
Balance tax list, 1904,	\$856 36
Interest,	14 79
	<u>\$871 13</u>
Amount collected,	583 84
Uncollected,	<u>\$287 29</u>
Balance tax list, 1905,	\$2850 96
Interest,	35 50
	<u>\$2886 46</u>
Amount collected,	1668 40
Uncollected,	<u>\$1218 06</u>
Tax list, 1906,	\$7803 40
Amount collected,	3946 43
February 1, 1907, uncollected,	<u>\$3856 97</u>



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John M. Peabody, Tax Collector in account with Town of  
Middleton :

Feb. 1, 1907, balance tax list, 1898,	\$51 44
Feb. 1, 1907, balance tax list, 1899,	61 61
Feb. 1, 1907, balance tax list, 1900,	\$77 22
Interest,	36
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	\$77 58
Amount collected,	36
Feb. 1, 1907, uncollected,	<hr/>
	\$77 22
Balance tax list, 1901,	\$57 13
Interest,	2 18
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	\$59 31
Amount collected,	7 74
Uncollected, Feb. 1, 1907,	<hr/>
	\$51 57
Balance tax list, 1902,	\$352 54
Interest,	37 73
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	\$390 27
Amount collected,	221 76
Uncollected, Feb. 1, 1907,	<hr/>
	\$168 51

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Samuel A. Fletcher, Treasurer, in account with Trust funds  
for care of Cemetery Lots.

	Lot No.	Original Fund.	Bal. Last Year.	Interest added.	Amt. with- drawn.	Bal. on Account.
Atwood L. Frank	360	\$100.00	\$103.02	\$4.16		\$107.18
Berry, Allen	112	75.00		1.50		76.50
Eaton, I. Larkin	168	75.00	76.03	3.06	\$3.00	76.09
Fowler, Alonzo	12	100.00	101.04	4.08	3.00	102.12
Fuller, Sophronia	236	200.00	235.80	9.50	5.00	240.30
Gifford, William	180	100.00	105.26	4.24	3.00	106.50
Graves, D. Augustine	234	100.00	100.00	2.00	2.00	100.00
McIntire, Abram	132	75.00	76.03	3.06	3.00	76.09
McIntire, Annie M.	338	100.00	109.44	4.40	3.00	110.84
Phelps, William A.	148	100.00	101.04	4.08	3.00	102.12
Richardson, Lucy G.	80	100.00	101.06	4.08	3.00	102.14
Russell, Persis B.	430	200.00	218.06	8.80	6.50	220.36
Stiles, David,		150.00	151.52	6.10	3.00	154.62
Thomas, H. Amelia	64	75.00	76.03	3.06	3.00	76.09
Wellman, John R.	40	200.00	219.54	8.84	5.00	223.38
Weston, Samuel W.	36	200.00	238.96	9.62		248.58
Wilkins, Henry A.	254	100.00	101.04	4.08	3.00	102.12

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

Middleton, February 1, 1907.

Samuel A. Fletcher, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Middleton for the year ending February 1, 1907.

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Balance in Treasury, February 1, 1906,	\$2729 91
Received from State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	453 18
State for Gypsy Moth suppression,	502 63
“ “ Tuition of children,	350 50
“ “ Inspection of Animals,	17 50
“ “ State highway,	1028 00
“ “ Gypsy Moth suppression,	153 63
“ “ Corporation tax,	39 54
“ “ National Bank tax,	18 88
“ “ State Aid,	640 00
“ “ Street Railway tax,	998 83
“ “ High School tuition,	525 00
“ “ Income from Mass. School Fund,	995 63
Kendall E. Graves, cemetery lot number 586,	13 00
Bickford W. Brannen, cemetery lot number 590,	16 00
George E. Barnaby, cemetery lot number 506,	12 00
Mary D. Ritchie, cemetery lot number 242,	6 00
Lester W. Hilton, cemetery lot number 432,	12 00
Nellie Richardson, cemetery lot number 510,	10 00
Laura E. Peabody, cemetery lot number 534,	16 00

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Mary E. Drury, cemetery lot number 508,	\$8 00
For care of cemetery lot of Allen Berry,	75 00
From Savings Bank, interest on funds for care of cemetery lots,	48 50
D. A. Graves, balance for care of cemetery lot,	1 00
C. O. Frost, for suppression of gypsy moths on his land,	10 00
B. T. McGlauflin, for suppression of gypsy moths on private land,	5 15
Roswell & Newhall, auctioneer's license,	1 00
Darius Case, for dynamite,	4 90
L. G. Esty, from sale of old hose, First District Court, fine,	50 00
American Express, license to trans- port liquor,	1 00
Boston & Northern St. Railway, for labor,	47 22
B. T. McGlauflin, old bridge timber and plank,	2 00
B. T. McGlauflin, drain pipe sold,	5 97
W. E. Sanford, bridge plank,	4 20
Oscar Cram, unexpended balance Memorial Day,	2 75
B. T. McGlauflin, gravel sold,	90
R. K. Peabody, gravel sold,	2 55
Henry A. Young, use of Hall,	159 00
George K. Knowlton, Chairman for Superintendent of Schools,	250 00
County Treasurer, balance for labor on Ferncroft road,	14 71

County Treasurer, dog licenses returned,	\$126 99	
Danvers National Bank, interest on deposits,	23 45	
George W. Hackett, money paid on snow bills,	2 50	
Boston & Northern St. Railway, Excise tax,	923 06	
Jesse W. Peabody, on taxes,	6867 65	
John M. Peabody, on taxes,	230 00	
		\$17,410 53
CR.		
Paid on Selectmen's orders,	\$13,890 52	
Paid on State Aid orders,	656 00	
Deposited in Savings Bank for care of Allen Berry lot,	75 00	
Cash on hand of money received for land sold in 1906,	136 46	
Cash paid for one share of Goodale land sold in 1906,	8 53	
Balance remaining in Treasury, February 1, 1907,	2644 02	
		\$17,410 53

## Assessors' Valuation of Property.

Real estate,	\$564,029 00	
Personal estate,	170,561 00	
		\$734,590 00
Number of polls, 246.	\$492 00	
Rate of taxation, \$10.00 per \$1000.		
Tax on real estate,	5,640 29	
Tax on personal estate,	1,705 61	
		\$7,837 90

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Amount assessed for current expenses,	\$1000 00
Schools,	2250 00
School books and supplies,	200 00
Incidental school expense,	200 00
Fixing and furnishing new school room,	150 00
Painting school house,	160 00
Highway,	600 00
Bridges,	200 00
Sidewalks,	100 00
Cemetery,	200 00
New posts and signs in cemetery,	75 00
Notes on heating plant and water pipe,	385 00
Fire department,	100 00
Firemen,	65 00
Memorial day,	110 00
Poor department,	300 00
Gypsy and brown tail moth,	258 38
Water pipe on North and South Main Sts.,	300 00
Surpressing liquor law,	50 00
Collecting taxes,	100 00
Bell on hose house,	75 00
State tax,	665 00
County tax,	661 83
Overlay,	57 69
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	\$8262 90

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### Financial Condition of the Town.

#### LIABILITIES.

Amount of notes against the town,	
Hiram L. Hutchinson, at 4 per	
cent,	\$2000 00
Flint Book Fund, at 5 per cent,	1500 00



# SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

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Flint Book Fund, at 4 per cent,	\$500 00	
B. F. Emerson Fund, at 5 per cent,	800 00	
Water Works note at 3 1-2 per cent,	100 00	
Heating Plant notes at 3 1-2 per cent,	700 00	
	<u>\$5600 00</u>	
Balance in favor of Town,	<u>3655 56</u>	
		\$9255 56

## ASSETS.

Balance in treasury,	\$2644 02	
Due from State aid,	656 00	
Due from North Andover,	60 00	
Uncollected taxes, 1897,	22 35	
“ “ 1898,	51 44	
“ “ 1899,	61 61	
“ “ 1900,	77 22	
“ “ 1901,	51 57	
“ “ 1902,	168 51	
“ “ 1903,	100 52	
“ “ 1904,	287 29	
“ “ 1905,	1218 06	
“ “ 1906,	<u>3856 97</u>	
		\$9255.56

## Schedule of Town Property.

Library building,	\$10,000 00
Library land,	1000 00
Flint Public Library,	3700 00

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Town Hall,	\$4000 00
School houses,	6800 00
Lock-up,	400 00
Fire apparatus and hose house,	1100 00
Road machine and tools,	150 00
Moth ladders and tools,	75 00
School books in use,	300 00
B. F. Emerson fund,	11,293 52
Charles L. Flint, book fund,	5000 00
Cemetery,	1300 00
Hearse and hearse house,	600 00
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	\$45,718 52

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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This is to certify that I have examined all books and vouchers of the accounts of the town of Middleton and find them to be correct.

I. W. KITCHIN, *Auditor*.

## FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

### Librarian's Report.

Books in Library February 1, 1906,	6061
Books added by purchase,	99
Books added by gift from U. S. Government,	8
Books added by gift from N. E. Historical Society,	11
Books added by gift from Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	9
Books added by gift from Essex Institute,	1
Books in Library February 1, 1907,	6189

### Pamphlets.

Pamphlets in Library February 1, 1906,	644
Pamphlets received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	15
Pamphlets received from Mohonk Lake Conference,	2
Pamphlets received from Essex County,	1
Pamphlets received from Towle Manufacturing Co.	1
Pamphlets received from Soldier's Home, Chelsea,	2
Pamphlets received from Town of Topsfield,	1
Pamphlets received from Town of Oxford,	1
Pamphlets received from U. S. Government,	30
Pamphlets received from Abbott Public Library, Marblehead,	1
Pamphlets received from Fall River Public Library,	1
Pamphlets received from Newton Free Library,	1
Pamphlets received from Peabody Institute, Danvers,	1

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Pamphlets received from Public Library, Boston,	1
Pamphlets received from Public Library, Salem,	1
Pamphlets received from Public Library, Syracuse, N. Y.	1
Pamphlets received from Andrew Carnegie,	1
Pamphlets received from S. A. Stewart,	7
Pamphlets in Library February 1, 1907,	712
New names added to list of patrons of Library,	99
Circulation of books for year ending February 1, 1907,	5561
Largest circulation in any one month, January, 1907,	580
Smallest circulation in any one month, November, 1906,	295
Books replaced,	6
Number of days Library has been open,	125
Number of visitors registered for year ending February, 1907,	177

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, *Librarian.*

Middleton, February 1, 1907.

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### Treasurer's Report.

M. E. TYLER, *Treasurer.*

In account with the Flint Public Library.

### Flint Book Fund.

Amount of Charles L. Flint Fund,	\$5000 00
Notes against Town of Middleton,	\$2000 00
Deposited in Banks,	3000 00
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	\$5000 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer February 1,	
1906,	\$74 22
Received from A. P. Tyler, from B.	
F. Emerson Fund,	472 14

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Received from S. A. Fletcher, for interest on Town notes,	\$95 00	
Received from Salem Savings Bank,	159 97	
Received from Danvers Savings Bank,	50 00	
Received from Daniel Mohan for grass,	5 50	
Received from Daniel Fuller for grass,	1 00	
Received from A. R. Richardson for apples,	2 00	
Received from S. A. Fletcher for fines and cards,	13 65	
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		\$873 48

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#### Amount of Bills Paid from Flint Fund.

Charles E. Lauriat Co., books,	\$80 84	
Essex Antiquarian,	1 00	
Topsfield Historical Society,	92	
Newcomb & Gauss for cards,	2 75	
Woman's Board of Missions, books,	5 00	
William H. Guild & Co., magazines, etc.,	47 15	
Smart & Flag, Insurance on books,	30 00	
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		\$167 66

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#### Amount of Bills Paid from Emerson Fund.

Samuel A. Fletcher, services as Librarian,	\$221 00	
S. A. Fletcher, cash paid for express, postage, etc.,	6 64	



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Walworth Manufacturing Company,		
gasoline,	\$20	48
Walworth Manufacturing Co., repairs,	11	48
M. J. Emerson, labor and lumber,	3	00
Danvers Water Board,	7	00
A. C. Titus, hat tree,	13	50
L. F. Atwood, care of Emerson lot in		
cemetery,	3	00
Ross K. Richardson, care of grounds,	31	20
Samuel A. Fletcher, insurance policies,	145	00
H. M. Tyler, labor and stock for paint		
and repairs,	27	35
J. V. & V. S. Peterson, labor and stock		
for relaying tile in vestibule,	58	70
A. G. Huntoon, coal,	67	00
M. E. Tyler, labor and stock cleaning		
and varnishing vestibule, painting		
and gilding clock and other		
repairs,	19	25
James H. Curtis, repairing faucet,		50
M. E. Tyler, teaming gasoline, cash		
paid for freight and postage,	1	47
James F. Dean, repairing roof,	6	49
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	\$643	06
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	\$810	72
Cash on hand,		
		62 76
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	\$873	48

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Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$62 76	
Unexpended balance in banks,	266 21	
		\$328 97

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,  
GALEN B. HOWE,  
RALPH G. PEABODY,  
MAURICE E. TYLER,  
MILTON J. EMERSON,  
A. W. PEABODY,

*Trustees.*

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### Trustee's Report.

The trustees of the B. F. Emerson fund submit their eighteenth annual report :

#### INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

Atchinson R. R. preferred stock,	\$3,300 00	
Atchinson R. R. general mortgage bonds,	2000 00	
Western Telephone and Telegraph bonds,	1000 00	
Buffalo and Susquehanna R. R. bonds,	1000 00	
N. Y. Central R. R. mortgage bonds,	1000 00	
Town note,	800 00	
Danvers Savings Bank,	897 27	
Andover Savings Bank,	689 78	
Salem Savings Bank,	606 47	
		\$11,293 52

## INCOME ACCOUNT.

Interest on Atchinson preferred stock,	\$165 00	
“ “ Atchinson R. R. bonds,	80 00	
“ “ N. Y. Central mortgage bonds,	45 00	
“ “ Western Telephone & Tel- egraph bonds,	50 00	
“ “ Danvers Savings Bank book,	36 36	
“ “ Salem Savings Bank book,	20 67	
“ “ Andover Savings Bank book,	27 59	
“ “ Town note,	40 00	
Sale of Atchinson rights on preferred stock,	2 14	
		\$546 76

ANSEL P. TYLER,  
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,  
MILTON J. EMERSON,  
MAURICE E. TYLER,  
H. HERBERT WILKINS,

*Trustees.*

## Estimates for Next year.

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The finance committee recommend the following sums be raised to pay the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year:

Current expenses,	\$1000 00
Schools,	1500 00
School books and supplies,	250 00
School incidentals,	125 00
Highway department,	500 00
Bridge department,	75 00
Sidewalks,	100 00
Sidewalk and fence on Central St.	50 00
Cemetery,	175 00
Notes on school, heating and water debt,	335 00
Fire department,	175 00
Firemen,	65 00
Also 25 cents per hour while on duty Memorial day,	110 00
Gypsy and brown tail moths,	258 38
South Main street water pipe,	250 00
North Main street water pipe,	250 00

## TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

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*Middleton ss. To Oscar Cram, Constable for the  
Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex.*

### GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on

**Monday, the Fourth day of March, next.**

at six o'clock A. M., for the following purposes, viz:

To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting and all other meetings to be held under this warrant.

To choose by ballot the following town officers for the ensuing year, viz: Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, one Overseer of the Poor for three years, one School Committee for three years, Highway Surveyor for one year, two trustees of Flint Public Library, for three years, Constable for one

year, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Auditor, three Fence Viewers, Tree Warden, Superintendent of Burials, and Janitor for Town Hall.

Also on the same ballot to give in their votes, "Yes" or "No" in answer to the following question: Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

The Polls will be opened at six o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 2.30 P. M.

You are hereby required to notify and warn said qualified inhabitants to meet subsequently, at the Town Hall on Wednesday, March 6, 1907 at 7.30 o'clock P. M. for the following purposes, viz:

ART. 1. To choose such other town officers as are required to be chosen annually.

ART. 2. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 3. To see if the town will vote to extend the water pipe on South Main street and also to see what the town will do about laying pipe on North Main Street.

ART. 4. To see what action the Town will take in regard to enforcing the liquor law.

ART. 5. To see how much money the Town will raise for the observance of Memorial day.

ART. 6. To see what action the Town will take in regard to discount and interest on taxes.



ART. 7. To act on the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the selectmen.

ART. 8. To see what action the Town will take in regard to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 9. To see what action the Town will take concerning the cemetery.

ART. 10. To see what measures the Town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to be expended on road leading to Haswell Park.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for medical examiner for school children according to law.

ART. 13. To see if Town will appropriate a sum of money to lay out lawn, etc., on Town Hall yard.

ART. 14. To see what action the Town will take in regard to purchasing land to enlarge the school-house yard.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses in anticipation of taxes of the present year and payable therefrom.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which Town Treasurer when appointed may use.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at Centre Post Office and one at the Post Office in South Middleton in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 19th day of February,  
A. D. 1907.

M. J. EMERSON,

H. K. RICHARDSON,

M. E. TYLER,

*Selectmen of Middleton.*

## LIST OF JURORS.

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The following list of persons qualified for Jurors, prepared and posted by the selectmen, will be submitted to the Town at the Annual Town Meeting for revision and acceptance:

Fred H. Wilkins,	Byron S. Chick,
Fred Giles,	George H. Smith,
Daniel C. Donovan,	Harley M. Tyler,
Herbert H. Wilkins,	H. K. Richardson,
Edwin E. Currier,	Frank Currier,
George E. Currier,	Carl Goswiler,
Milton W. Berry,	Ira W. Kitchin.



ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
AND  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MIDDLETON

FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
FEBRUARY 1, 1907



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SALEM, MASS.  
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## Report of the School Committee.

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*To the Citizens of Middleton and the Secretary of the State  
Board of Education:*

The School Board organized this year the same as last. We see by reading the Superintendent's report, which he has handed us, that matters pertaining to school affairs have been reviewed in detail much as we should present them. There is no doubt that we have had a very satisfactory school year. We should like to emphasize one point which Mr. Thompson has mentioned in his report, viz.: the necessity of Manual Training in our schools. Our financial condition will not warrant an extravagant outlay in this direction, but we surely can afford to teach our girls sewing and our boys the principles of carpentering.

Last year, we called the attention of the voters to the fact that we needed more room. The sum of \$150 was appropriated by the Town, all that the Committee recommended, to fit up for a class room, what we had previously used for a playroom. We found this sum inadequate to finish the work. We overran our appropriation and we think that the citizens will approve of it. We have converted an unseemly looking room into a bright, cheerful apartment.

In conclusion: These improvements, together with the painting of the exterior, have made a very presentable school property. But, like *Oliver Twist*, we still cry for "more." A larger school yard is now an absolute necessity. In this age of automobiles, a playground in the open street is a menace to life and limb, especially where there are so many children of tender years. There is only one place available and that is in the rear of the school building, and an effort will be made to purchase it with your consent.

In closing, we thank you for your generosity and support, and we thank the teachers and superintendent for their efforts.

H. K. RICHARDSON,

For the School Committee.

## Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

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*To the School Committee:*

GENTLEMEN :

It gives me pleasure to submit to you, and thru you to the people of the Town, my second annual report of the progress of the schools.

The school year of 1905-6 closed last June with very successful exercises by the graduating class consisting of all the pupils of the ninth grade and one of the eighth grade. The program provided an exhibition which was a credit to the pupils and teachers.

It is especially gratifying to note a year of unusual progress in our school work. The establishment of a fourth school has proven a marked benefit to the work of the school as a whole. With two grades the primary teacher has been able to materially raise the standard of work and to inculcate in the young children habits of better school work than heretofore. The grammar school teacher with one less grade than formerly, has succeeded in drilling the backward pupils to better advantage. The Town of Middleton can at present boast of as good schools as the most privileged community.

The school is arranged according to the following division: the Primary has the first and second grades; the

Upper Primary, the third and fourth grades; the Lower Grammar, the fifth and sixth grades; and the Grammar, the eighth and ninth.

### INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.

The subject uppermost in the minds of many educators and business promoters at the present hour is industrial training and trade schools for the future artisan. Our public schools are criticised as being unpractical and in failing to give children adequate training for their life after school days. Many a child drops out of school as soon as the compulsory age of attendance is passed. These boys and girls go into the factories and shops as unskilled labor. If our schools offered an opportunity for these same pupils to stay and learn a trade they might enter the great mercantile enterprises as skilled workers. It is evident that the trend of modern educators is toward industrial education and continuation schools. This movement is incipient in our common schools in the formation of sewing classes, manual training, school gardens and business courses. Our opportunity to fall into step with the march of progress is by starting sewing classes in our grammar school.

### MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

In compliance with the law passed the last General Court, every pupil in school has been examined by his teacher or superintendent for defective eyesight and hearing. It is surprising to discover from this examination how large a number of children suffer from defective eyesight and hearing who are nevertheless unconscious of the fact. Twenty pupils were found with impaired vision, and several with defective

hearing. These cases were reported to the parents who were advised to take their children to a specialist. In several cases good results have already been manifest.

It is also a part of this law that the school committee shall appoint a physician who may be called to the schools to examine children for traces of a contagious disease or to hold council with the teacher concerning the health of pupils. The law states that no money can be spent for this purpose until it is appropriated by the town. A small sum should be set aside by the townspeople for this purpose in the Town Meeting.

It is a source of regret to find the attendance in the Middleton school has so low a yearly average as 88 per cent. A greater effort should be made to have pupils attend school regularly. The habit of punctuality is one of the most vital to future success.

### CHANGE OF TEACHERS.

Miss Ann C. Merrill resigned last spring to accept a position in Haverhill, and Miss Harriet Lake acted as substitute until the close of school in June. During the summer, Miss Bertha Barton, a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, was secured for the Lower Grammar School, and Miss Nellie Quinnell of the Salem Normal School was hired for the Upper Primary. These teachers are meeting with good success.

The Ninth Grade has been taught Civil Government by the Superintendent who has endeavored to infuse into the minds of the pupils some clear ideas of the principles of our government.

## MUSIC.

The music of our schools has continued its high grade of work under the inspiring leadership of Mr. George Smith. The singing of our grammar school cannot be excelled.

In closing this report, I wish to express to the teachers my appreciation of their kind and courteous attitude toward me and to the committee, my gratitude for their continued confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW S. THOMSON.



### School Calender.

1907-1908.

- March 22. All schools close for Spring vacation.  
 April 8. All schools open for Spring term.  
 June 22. All schools close for Summer vacation.  
 September 9. All schools open for Fall term.  
 November 27. All schools close for Thanksgiving.

Twelve weeks in term.

- December 2. All schools open for Winter term.  
 December 20. All schools close for Christmas.  
 December 30. All schools open.  
 March 21. All schools close for Spring vacation.

Fifteen weeks in term.

- April 7. All schools open for Spring term.

### Roll of Honor.

The number after the name indicates the number of terms pupil has not been absent or tardy. Star indicates they have not been absent or tardy.

#### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

- |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| *Bertram Levalle 1 | *Dortha Gordon, 1  |
| *George Merrill, 2 | *Sola Kenny, 1     |
| *Albert Sheldon, 2 | *Willis Hovel, 1   |
| *Myron Wilkins, 1  | *Mary Bent, 1      |
| *Madeline Brown, 2 | *Esther Collins, 1 |
|                    | *Sarah Murray, 1   |

## PRIMARY SCHOOL.

*Isabel P. Durkee, 2	*Lawrence S. Collins, 1
*Gertrude M. Gould, 1	*Florence A. Durkee, 1
*Myrtle E. Peabody, 2	*Gertrude F. Hood, 1
*Alfred H. Kitchin, 1	*Margaret G. Kelley, 1
*John Kozup, 1	*Harry E. Margeson, 1
*Milton Collins, 2	*Paul H. Young, 1
Frederick A. Merrill, 1	Gladis Currier, 1
*A. Bernard Bent, 1	Raymond H. Currier, 1
	William L. Phair, 1.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Della M. Peabody, 3	J. Elsworth Barnaby, 2
Ruby M. Stone, 2	Warren A. Gregory, 2
Florence E. Fuller, 2	Henry S. Tyler, 1
Mildred W. Campbell, 1	Frank B. Davenport, 2
Carrie M. Knight, 3	Emma E. Gould, 1
Edna S. McKenne, 3	Ruth M. Hatch, 1
F. Clark Atwood, 3	Elmer W. Berry, 1

# SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

ATTENDANCE FOR 1905-1906. NAMES	Months and Days.	Number Enrolled.	Boys.	Girls.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	No. between 5 and 15 years.	No. between 7 and 14 years.	No. over 15 years.	No. under 5 years.
Center Grammar	9-12	41	21	20	39	36	92	41	35	0	0
Center Intermediate	9-11	51	28	23	42	36	85	51	51	0	0
Primary	9-11	68	34	34	58	50	87	68	35	0	0
Total		160	83	77	139	122	88	160	121	0	0

## TEACHERS, SCHOOLS, SALARIES, ETC., SEPTEMBER, 1906.

TEACHERS.	SCHOOL.	GRADES.	SALARY	WHERE EDUCATED.
Nellie C. Howe	Primary	I-II	\$12 per week	Salem Normal
C. Alice Manning	Grammar	VII-VIII-IX	12 "	Somerville High
Bertha D. Barton	Lower Grammar	V-VI	9 "	Mt. Holyoke College
Nellie Quinnell	Upper Primary	III-IV	8 "	Salem Normal





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